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PUBLICITY

A HEADING in our Late Final edition yesterday—"HK Needs More Public Relations Work in America"—stated what we believe is a generally accepted truism. As if to make the point clear this heading appeared under a cable from Washington stating that the United States may impose mandatory controls on our cotton textile imports if they continue to increase. It should be understood that while the immediate target for public relations work in America, this is a problem which the Colony is likely to find occurring in a number of different parts of the world if industrial output is to be increased and trade promotion intensified. Diversification may initially blunt the edge of some particular type of export, like textiles, but it may also mean that in the long run there will be opposition not just to one but a number of different Hongkong exports.

MAIN difficulty is to determine whose job it should be to defend the Colony abroad. Government would prefer industry to fight its own battles. Industry wants Government to fight them. Or if not to fight them entirely, at least to shoulder a bigger share of the burden than in the past. Government objects to becoming party to any international trade quarrel and the business community feels that unless it does tariff barriers and restrictive policies will severely limit our potential both to expand trade and develop industry.

The impasse may be solved by Government assisting financially either the Federation if and when it comes into being, or the General Chamber of Commerce immediately, who are clearly the most active organisation in Hongkong in this field of international public relations.

We agree with Colonel Clagor that this is an urgent matter, but it would help Government to make up its mind if the Chamber put up specific proposals for there clearly are facilities available locally which could be employed to make the presentation of Hongkong's case progress more effective. For example Government could assist in the production of films and pamphlets, but surely industry needs a voice even in this.

WE hesitate to suggest the formation of another committee when Government's present association with the Trade and Industry Advisory Board may provide adequate opportunity for co-operation and liaison. In a recent "Comment" on this same subject we urged that one of the main requirements was for a leading Hongkong businessman to undertake a lecture tour of the U.S., similar to that made by Sir Alexander Grantham when Governor in 1954.

Unfortunately the most eligible candidates are also the busiest. But we hope that this idea will not be overlooked. The man on the spot is always a better person to send out such a tour than a retired man who has been away from the Colony for a few years, and is only partly in touch with latest events. We say public relations is not just important. It is essential. And if Hongkong is going to derive benefit from effective publicity, both Government and local business men will have to give much more time and money to this work in the future.

ECONOMICS MINISTER RETURNS TO GERMANY IN FIGHTING MOOD Erhard To Challenge Adenauer

Seeks Showdown On Chancellor's Sudden Decision

Duesseldorf, June 9.

Dr Ludwig Erhard made it clear tonight he would seek a showdown with Dr Konrad Adenauer within the Christian Democratic Party on Adenauer's decision to remain Chancellor.

The chubby Economics Minister appeared in fighting mood as he answered reporters' questions at the airport when he returned from the United States. He said he would not necessarily remain Vice-Chancellor. Asked if he would remain a minister, he replied: "That depends."



LUDWIG ERHARD
He's deeply hurt

This, and an assurance from him that "the last word has not been spoken on the matter," led observers to think Dr Erhard would demand redress from Dr Adenauer for the snub he has suffered.

About-Face

Dr Erhard was the most likely successor as Chancellor before Adenauer's about-face last week, and it is widely believed that the 63-year-old Chancellor changed his mind about standing for the Presidency because he did not want Erhard as his successor.

Dr Erhard told an airport Press conference he wanted a frank debate, about which the public should be informed. The Bundestag (lower house) was not the place for it. The debate, though of public interest, should not be public.

This was seen as confirmation of the belief of the Social Democrats, the main opposition party, that Erhard would not allow himself to be put forward as a successor to Adenauer in a parliamentary vote of no confidence in the Chancellor.

Dr Erhard seemed to political observers to be willing to keep the dispute "within the family," but to want his rehabilitation as "heir" to Adenauer to be made public, known.

Resignation

Filling this, his words tonight seemed to leave the way open for his resignation, a step which would aggravate the crisis within the Christian Democratic Union and might split the party.

It is clear that Erhard feels deeply hurt about reports that have had wide currency that Dr Adenauer considers him a "bad European." He qualified "lies" reports that he was less determined and clear-headed on foreign policy than Dr Adenauer.

Asked who spread such stories, he said only: "They are about." Dr Adenauer had been widely reported to doubt Dr Erhard's grasp of foreign policy.

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Full Pelt For The Finish



Today is the Dragon Boat Festival and the climax of the races that have been held in various parts of the Colony this week. At the Chung Sing

Pavilion this afternoon the Governor, Sir Robert Black, will watch the races and present the pennants to the winners.

The above picture is a fine action shot of a dragon boat going full pelt for the winning line yesterday afternoon. — China Mail Photo (See also P10).

Photographers Detained As Margaret Takes A Swim

Sintra, June 9. Police today foiled photographers' attempts to take pictures of Princess Margaret as she swam here, and two cameramen were detained until she had left.

The Princess is here on a short private visit. She had driven the 17 miles from Lisbon to this picturesque mountain resort to have lunch at one of Portugal's most beautiful homes, Viscount Assaca's palace of Sao Sebastiao.

Vantage Points

When photographers heard she was expected to have a swim in the palace garden pool they rushed to vantage points outside the garden.

But the police were ready. A guard stood at every door of houses with windows overlooking the garden and all other strategic points were sealed off to the photographers.

Police who detained the two photographers, both Portuguese, released them half-an-hour after the Princess left. — Reuters.

Nixon's Moscow Party

Washington, June 9. President Eisenhower has chosen his brother, Dr Milton Eisenhower, as one of the five persons to accompany Vice-President Richard Nixon on his visit to the Soviet Union next July. — Reuters.

Britain Said Willing To Take Exiled A-Bombers

London, June 10.

Widespread press reports here today assert that Britain is willing to find bases for about 250 United States fighter bombers to be withdrawn from France.

This follows the French refusal to authorise the stockpiling of American atomic weapons on her territory unless she shares control over them. — Mr Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister, is reported to have discussed the situation yesterday at a 75-minute meeting of the cabinet's defence committee.

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Labour Backbenchers Oppose The Transfer

London, June 9.

A group of almost 50 Labour Members of Parliament introduced a resolution tonight opposing the stockpiling of American nuclear bombs in Britain or their transfer to this country from France.

The resolution said: "That this House, noting the refusal of the French Government to permit nuclear warheads in American custody to be stockpiled in France, is equally opposed to their being stockpiled in this country and to any transfer to Britain from French territory of American nuclear weapons-carrying aircraft."

Backers of the resolution were mostly so-called "back bench" or left-wing members of the Labour Party and did not include any of the Party's big names. — UPI.

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THE TIMES BREAKS ITS SILENCE

London, June 10.

The Times declared in an editorial today that, were it to reprint its controversial report on Mr Selwyn Lloyd "there would not be a word we would alter or withdraw."

The independent daily says this in breaking eight days of editorial silence on the report by its political correspondent which was widely read as forecasting the replacement of the Foreign Secretary.

New Attempt To Kill Sukarno?

Tokyo, June 10.

Japanese police have information that Indonesian rebels will attempt to assassinate President Sukarno of Indonesia during his stay in Japan, it was reported today.

The Tokyo Shimbun, one of Tokyo's largest newspapers said it obtained the information from police sources. A spokesman for the Metropolitan Police Public Security Section said however that his section had no information on any planned assassination attempt.

But he said that the police guard which has ringed Sukarno during the state portion of his tour here would be maintained when the President begins his unofficial stay of eight days.

Indonesian bodyguards also are accompanying the President. Tokyo Shimbun claimed that before Sukarno left Djakarta on his world tour in April rebel elements asked to meet him to discuss the political situation in Indonesia.

When the president refused, the newspaper said the rebels decided to send agents to Japan for another try at a meeting. It quoted police sources as saying that if Sukarno refuses again the assassination attempt will be made. — UPI.

The Times editorial, entitled "Back to Sense" began: "The nine days are up. Not all the false excitement, fabrication, interesting speculations, and genuine concern can keep the wonder of The Times' article on Mr Selwyn Lloyd's future going any longer."

"To read some of the misrepresentations was to doubt whether words any longer had a precise meaning. Even those critics who did not study the article carefully might have been expected at least to read the headlines. 'How Possible Transfer Still Several Months Ahead' could be interpreted as an indication that the Foreign Secretary's usefulness at Geneva was at an end."

Nationalisation of The Times See Page 3

only the journalists and diplomats in the unreal (and obviously unhealthy) atmosphere there can explain.

"As for the article being hostile to Mr Selwyn Lloyd, its whole tenor was the opposite to being critical or derogatory. Both the tone and the terms were appreciative and considerate. It showed the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary in a most amiable light."

"If this was a stab in the back then it must have been the first time anyone has been stabbed with a bouquet. 'Were repetition not stale stuff and did not today's news need all available space, we would reprint the article so that readers could refresh their memories of what it said, as distinct from what other people have said it said.'"

"If we did, there would not be a word we could alter or withdraw." — Reuters.

PESSIMISM PREVAILS IN GENEVA

Geneva, June 9.

The West challenged Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko today to give way on Berlin or go home without a summit.

Gromyko said his answer for 24 hours. But the West, reporting "no progress" held little hope for anything but break up of the five-week-old Big Four talks disagreement.

Showdown

"Tonight the impression of the foreign powers is one of pessimism," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Andrew Berding told newsmen.

Secretary of State Christian Herter and his Western partners called a showdown on the 10th day of talks during a 2 1/2-hour session with Gromyko in the Herter dining room.

Delegates were talking openly of a crisis. They felt that unless the 24 hours before tomorrow's session produced new Kremlin orders from Gromyko, the East-West talks might as well pack up.

"The fact of the matter is that we have had a series of meetings without any progress," said U.S. spokesman Berding, "and if anyone's guess, how much longer the negotiation with the Soviet side will last." — Reuters.

COMET-4 HIT A TREE

Calcutta, June 9.

A Boac Comet-4 jet airliner bound for Britain from Tokyo which overrode the runway at Dum Dum airport near here last night, hit an obstruction, presumably a tree-top, on its first approach, the Corporation said here today.

On a later approach the plane landed with all engines functioning normally, but over-shot the runway by about 100 yards and bogged down in soft ground. A Corporation communication added.

All 44 passengers and crew of 11 were unhurt, and by tonight 37 passengers had continued their journey by different service flights. — Reuters.

Macao Parade

Macao, June 10.

Macao celebrated its 100th national day today with a big military parade, at which 1,200 soldiers and 100 tanks participated. About 50,000 people lined the streets and watched the parade. Acting Governor Manuel de Matos said that the parade was a success. — Reuters.

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TO-MORROW: "FORT DOBBS"



Dockyard Policeman To Marry Girl Who Knew The Duke

By A STAFF REPORTER
On Saturday, Sub-Inspector Peter Jones, of the Royal Naval Dockyard Police, posted a letter to his parents, Mr and Mrs Arthur Jones of Watford, London, telling them of his plans to marry.

From Stage To Social Work

By A STAFF REPORTER

One often hears of people who, for reasons of their own, throw up their jobs and launch themselves into a stage career. But seldom do we hear of it the other way around. Miss Janet Lacey, however, managed to reverse just such a situation by leaving a rather promising stage career to enter into social work.

TWO LOVES

A few years ago she was able to combine the two loves of her life when she wrote and produced a play entitled "The Waters of Babylon". Presented in Evanston, Illinois, for the 2nd Annual of the World Council of Churches, it was shown to an audience of 9,000.

MISS JANET LACEY

It once again in Bristol, England, with a professional last. Last week found her in Hongkong—the midway point of her eight-country global tour.

GOOD WORK

"You know," she said "I'm only 18 months since I was last here, and I can't tell you how much good work has been done in that time."

POP OF LA

POP OF LA is a new series of short films, each about 10 minutes long, showing the lives of people in Los Angeles. The first film, "The Pop of LA", shows the lives of a family in a small town in California.

COOKING IS ALL VERY SIMPLE

By JOANNE BLAIR

THE petit, curly headed woman finished serving her guests, dusted off her hands on her apron and smiled straight ahead into the camera.

"Goodnight everyone," she said graciously in her faint Continental accent. "I hope you enjoyed my cooking demonstration and I hope you'll try it yourselves. It's really very simple. That was the last glimpse Hongkong television had of Mrs. Ann Lett. Her guests, however, fared better. For just as soon as the camera swung away and the heavy, oppressive lights were dimmed, they set about to eat the after-the-theatre snack.

C-o-m-p-l-i-c-a-t-e-d

But for those of you who boggle at the three-course word meaning "snack" or who feel that the term "simple" would be more accurately spelled c-o-m-p-l-i-c-a-t-e-d, Mrs. Lett will tell you differently.

"Cooking is an art," she says excitedly. "There's no need for it to be difficult. Evidently it's all a matter of being keen. As long as you are interested, application and enthusiasm will take you the rest of the way.

It is some consolation to know that Mrs. Lett was not the slightest bit interested in cooking until she attended a finishing school in Switzerland. There, however, she came under the combined enthusiasm and jealousies of a Russian, French and Viennese chef. Since then she has never ceased to increase her already impressive knowledge of cooking.

Never Tire

"No, I really couldn't tell you how many courses I've taken altogether," she replied in answer to my question, "but I can tell you that I never tire of them."

Colour Important

"To begin with," she said, "I would serve jelly, cold soups with a poached egg, embedded in sauce, and garnish with a flowered carrot. Always remember that colour is very important."

Demobilised

Peter has been with the Dockyard Police Force for the last 12 years which he joined after being demobilised from National Service as a signaller. "I speak only a little Chinese," he picked a bit up here and there but my fiancée reads and writes Chinese and we have no difficulty conversing. I am afraid my irregular hours will not permit me to study Chinese more systematically, but I hope to go on picking up more of the language."

Early Wedding

Peter and his bride will be making their home outside the Dockyard compound. He is 25 and she, 23. Among Peter's recreations are swimming, dancing, and away from Hongkong, driving. Can Sue dance? "No, I am afraid she cannot, but it won't take long to teach her and that will come later."

Early Wedding

They have fixed an early date for their wedding, but they are not telling when. And their honeymoon? "That's also a secret," said Peter.



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"Nationalise The Times" Bill In Commons

London, June 9. The House of Commons gave a formal first reading today to a Labour bill to nationalise the august London Times.

CAPITALISTIC PURCHASES BY BOLSHOI BALLET

Los Angeles, June 9. Somewhere on the Pacific Ocean a Russian freighter is bobbing along loaded with nearly enough capitalist goods to sink it. The merchandise, purchased in Hollywood by the boys and girls of the Bolshoi Ballet, includes such things as slacks, shirts, shoes, pots and pans and the most capitalistic product of all—a plastic swimming pool.

Russia's foremost cultural emissaries were tourists with a capital "T" during their 17-day stay here.

A former student at the Leningrad School of Ballet joined the troupe during its stay here as an interpreter.

MADE THE ROUNDS

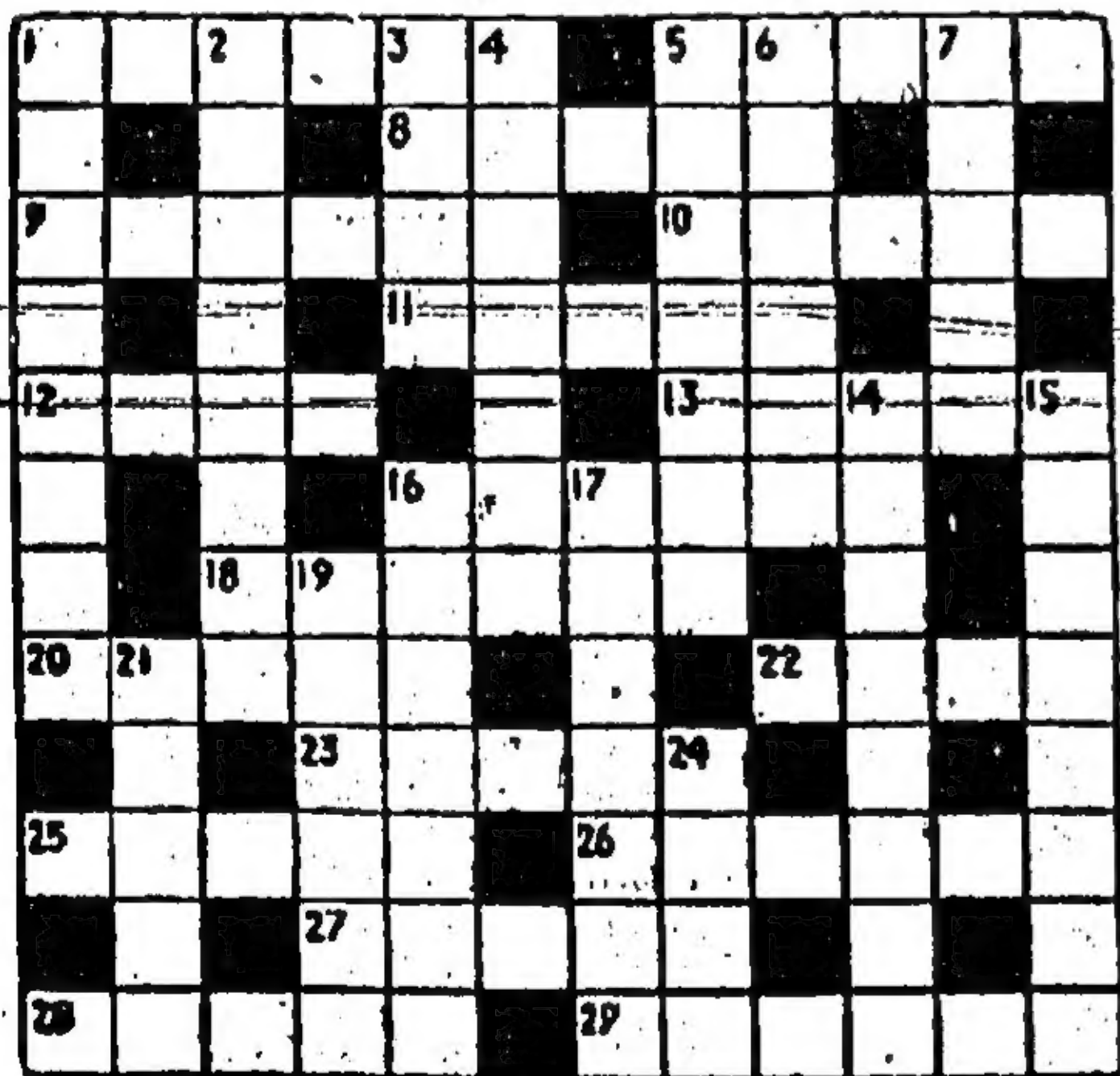
"Although they didn't have much time to get out and really shop," said the interpreter, Tatiana Tanaya Smirnova, "the boys and girls managed to make the rounds of the stores en route from their hotel to rehearsal."

One day I was driving a group of them to the studio when Lavashov, the character actor of the troupe, asked me where he could get a swimming pool—portable type, something for his daughter back in Moscow.

"We pulled off the freeway and went into a store. It took him 10 minutes to buy what he wanted."

Employees at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, where the Bolshoi troupe lived during their stay here, packed the growing mountain of purchases in the basement until it began to overflow. The most costly purchase of all was a Mercedes-Benz automobile which one troupe member bought from a Hollywood dealer with orders that it be shipped to his home from the factory in Germany.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Tree (6).
5 Deserve (5).
8 Bird (5).
9 Blockheads (6).
10 Tring (5).
11 Musical note (5).
13 Entrance (4).
15 Stop (5).
16 Affront (6).
18 Redeem at a price (6).
20 Happening (5).
22 Fibber (4).
23 Part of a flower (5).
25 Haggard (5).
26 Pillar (6).
27 Borders (5).
28 Noblemen (5).
29 Unruffled (6).

DOWN
1 Family tree (8).
2 Pierce (6).
3 Coughing sound (4).
4 Gives up office (7).
5 Small portion (7).
6 Hard coating (6).
7 Leaf (5).
14 Pose (5).
15 Fascinate (8).
16 Means (7).
17 Consolate (7).
19 Reply (5).
21 Poopy (5).
24 Be defeated (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Scab, 7 Riled, 8 Inch, 9 Full, 10 Decurion, 12 Lamb, 15 Sides, 18 Dent, 19 Frost, 21 Amaze, 22 Tior, 23 Blind, 25 Chief, 26 Emerald, 30 Bine, 31 Pose, 32 Unnail, 33 Tend, Down: 1 Cider, 2 Repose, 4 Chime, 5 Bill, 6 Scum, 9 Rude, 11 Ripso, 13 Avar, 14 Bow, 16 Spine, 17 Tale, 18 Date, 20 Redress, 22 Tumb, 24 Lemon, 25 Cider, 27 Hoof, 28 Fret.

The Bill was introduced by Labour back-bencher Emrys Hughes, one of the wits of the House of Commons, and the House gave it a formal first reading.

"I don't propose to nationalise the Press or in any way limit the freedom of the Press," Mr Hughes said. "This does not affect the other Press at all. This is a bill to give greater freedom to The Times under new management."

Mr Hughes added amid laughter that his purpose was "to revitalise The Times and make it respectable and reliable."

This was a reference to a report published in The Times on June 1 that the Prime Minister, Mr Macmillan, planned to fire the Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, after the general elections.

The report touched off a political storm and was denied by Mr Macmillan himself. Mr Hughes charged that The Times failed to report a speech made by Mr Macmillan during his Moscow mission in March and had suppressed other news items recently.

"There is an illusion that The Times is really a national institution," Mr Hughes declared.

"I submit at the present time that The Times is in irresponsible hands and that the time has come when it is a reasonable proposition for this house to take it over, and give it the reputation of the BBC."

Impossible

The fact that Mr Hughes was given permission to introduce his bill does not necessarily mean it will go any further. Only one more day is left before the end of the session in July when private members' bills may be considered.

It would therefore be impossible for Mr Hughes to get the bill through even if he were serious about it.

Mr Hughes said his bill would not affect other newspapers at all, but only The Times "because if the Prime Minister's version is correct, then The Times has been misleading this country and the whole world."

PM "Satisfied"

Earlier, another Labour member, Mr George Wigg, had urged the Prime Minister to reorganise the Foreign Office to ease the Foreign Secretary's burden when engaged in important international negotiations.

Mr Macmillan replied: "I am satisfied that the Foreign Secretary is able to deal both with the work of the conference and with the other matters which are referred to him at Geneva."

Mr Wigg then asked if the Prime Minister would say categorically whether in the past few weeks he had discussed the Foreign Secretary's future and the pressure of work at the Foreign Office either with Mr Lloyd himself or with Sir William Haley, editor of The Times.

Mr Macmillan replied: "That has nothing whatever to do with either of the questions of the order paper."

This was greeted with opposition shouts of "hedging."

Sabotage

Mr Emmanuel Shinwell, former Labour Minister of Defence, asked if the Prime Minister could indicate the possible source of these criticisms of the Foreign Secretary and whether there was any indication of an attempt to sabotage the summit conference by elements in the West German Government or even in the United States.

"Will you make it clear that so far as we are concerned, we want to continue to make every effort to promote a summit conference?" he asked.

Mr Macmillan replied: "Although it does not arise out of these questions, I am grateful for yet another piece of evidence as to the degree of confidence which the whole House and country feels in the Foreign Secretary."—UPI.

Baudouin To Marry Soon?



Princess Maria Theresa.

Brussels, June 9. Rumours that King Baudouin's engagement to Princess Maria Theresa of Bourbon-Parma would be announced next month were reported in a few Belgian-Flemish newspapers here today. Like similar recent reports, they were flatly denied by sources close to the Royal palace here. The Princess's father is Prince Xavier of Bourbon-Parma, a Cardinal claimant to the Spanish throne.—Reuter.

New Appeal

Washington, June 9. Counsel for Charles Starkweather asked the Supreme Court today to grant a stay of execution for the convicted killer of 11 people.—UPI.



Liberace Says He Doesn't Trade On Mother Love

London, June 9.

Liberace, million-dollar-a-year American pianist, denied in court here today that he traded on sex appeal or used mother love, God, the United States' President and Britain's royal family, all in the cause of personal publicity.

He was being cross-examined in an action for libel he has brought against columnist William Connor, "Cassandra" of the Daily Mirror, and his newspaper for comments the 40-year-old pianist says imply he is a homosexual.

Mr Gerald Gardner, Queen's Counsel for the defendants, questioned the pianist about the "gimmicks" he uses in his TV act. Liberace agreed that winking was a standard item and that he let women come on the stage and touch him.

Dail Betty Ambler, authoress, script writer and journalist, said that on October 26, 1956, she went to Connor's home to write an article about his pot cat. The writ in the action had just been issued and when they were alone Connor laughed about it and said it was going to be a bit of fun, that it was a libel for which Liberace would get a lot of money from the Daily Mirror. The libel he said was in the phrase, "He, she or it."

When she asked him why it was written and printed if it was libelous, he said: "They think it will be worth it for a week's publicity, and added: 'I don't know who will look the bigger buffoon in the witness box, he or me.'"

Connor also told her the article could not be defended but the lawyers were seeing everything that had been written about Liberace to see if that line had been taken before. They could object to the jury. Mr Connor had said the conversation and reported it to Liberace.—China Mail Special.

The Famous Smile Fell

About a minute after this picture was taken Liberace's built-in smile turned to a scowl when a newspaperman asked him whether he was "romantically interested" in singer Janet Medlin, 26-year-old widow who is appearing with him in his show in Britain.

With sudden anger he snapped: "That's our business" but almost immediately he relented the smile to add: "I say that very politely of course gentlemen, private matter."

Said Miss Medlin: "I think you can definitely quote me as saying there is no truth in the rumour I am planning to take the place of Mr. Liberace's mother."

Picture shows Liberace and Janet at the slightly stormy, two-hour Press conference.—Express Photo.

SONNIE HALE DIES AT 57

London, June 9.

Sonnie Hale, 57, one of Britain's most beloved musical comedy stars, died today 24 hours before his new show was to have opened in London's West End.

Despite Hale's wishes for the show, "The French Mistress," to go on, its producers cancelled tomorrow night's opening performance. Hale's name spelled the Charleston and some of the most mellow musicals of the 20's and the 30's to London theatregoers. In "This Year of Grace" he met co-star Jessie Matthews, whom he later married and divorced.—UPI.

Women (ARMED WITH) PITCHFORKS Attack Workers

Naples, June 9. More than 50 peasant wives wielding pitchforks, stormed into a potato-picking plant near here today and attacked 20 workmen who refused to join a strike.

Hand-to-hand fighting broke out in the building as the angry, shouting women drove the men from their machines, clawed their hair and ripped off some of their clothes.

The women tore open potato sacks with farm implements and tried to wreck machinery. Police arrived in jeeps with whirling sirens and charged with batons at the mass of writhing men and women.

Burly policemen had to carry some of the women out feet first and many workmen and police were treated for scratches and bruises.

One man told the police: "I thought they would tear me to pieces."

When order was restored some of the new workers agreed to join the strike.

Potato Price

The peasants are angry because the private organisation which runs the Neapolitan Vegetable Market has fixed the potato price at seven lire a kilogram after a heavy recent output.

But tonight, after riots for the second consecutive day, the Italian Government stepped in with an offer to buy 100 million lire worth of potatoes from the peasants.

Lorry loads of armed police were sent overnight to the potato-growing villages after 2,000 demonstrators yesterday destroyed the Town Hall at Marigliano.

Today, men worked under police protection to clean up the debris-strewn town. As well as the Town Hall which was gutted, other public buildings were badly damaged in the riot.—Reuter.

Polite Thieves

New York, June 9. Two thieves invaded the apartment of Miss Mary O'Connor, 26, an airline ticket agent, stole \$70 in cash and \$425 worth of jewellery, and then politely telephoned her boss that she'd be half an hour late for work.—UPI.

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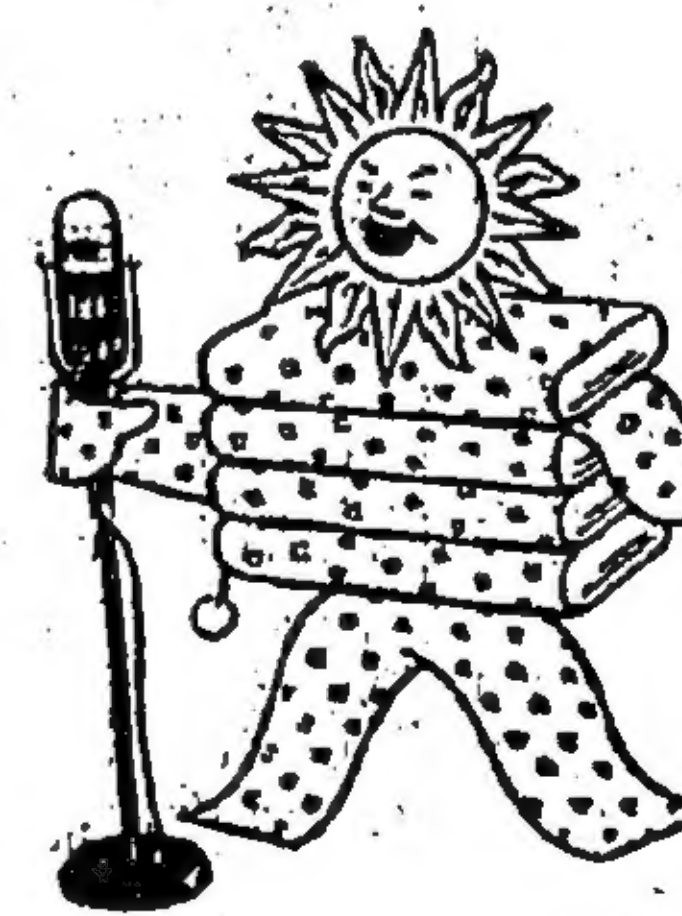
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Five Million Still Suffer From This Ancient Scourge

By FORREST PARK

A NEW treatment has been devised in Britain for a sinister-sounding disease which was rampant all over Europe in the Middle Ages and still claims some five million sufferers throughout the world—mainly in Africa, the Orient, and South America.

The disease is leprosy, scourge of mankind from ancient times—and not, as many imagine, a malady which was always confined to individuals of lowly and degraded status. Persons of exalted rank were attacked by it as well as folk of the humblest station. Kings, perhaps, were specially exposed to the risk of infection, since they were so often brought into contact with crowds of people belonging to all walks of life.

They were the leaders of armies in former days, too, and the incidence of all kinds of illness seemed to gain impetus in prolonged campaigns, frequently striking down more warriors than were ever killed or disabled in actual battles.

One famed king who died of leprosy was Robert, the First of Scotland. ("The Bruce"), who succumbed to the dread affliction in June, 1329. And the Palace of St James which has long graced the London scene, and was built in 1532 by King Henry the Eighth, was created on the site of a one-time leper-house where women suffering from the disease had been shut away from their fellow-creatures.

Leprosy died out in most European countries in the 15th and 16th centuries, though in parts of Scandinavia and in Iceland it continued to be quite common until the early part of the present century. It has become a rarity in Europe, and is a rarity over the greater part of North America, though there have been outbreaks in some of the southern states of the U.S.A.

Hygiene

It is now regarded as being principally a tropical or sub-tropical malady, and one affecting peoples whose standard of living and whose ideas of personal hygiene are still backward.

It is not, in fact, as infectious as its sister-disease, tuberculosis, and, even for those in close contact with sufferers, it is easy to avoid infection by taking simple precautions such as the wearing of overalls and rubber gloves when dealing with victims, the avoidance of the use of bedclothes and articles belonging to victims—and, of course, personal cleanliness.

Leprosy was formerly believed to be incurable (among primitive races it was also believed to be the outcome of having displeased the gods or disregarded some religious injunction). Medical men have

demonstrated in recent times that it is curable, however. It has also been shown that the age-old practice of banishing all lepers from healthy communities, and thus enforcing segregation of the sufferers, was a grievous error. It generally led to concealment of the affliction for as long as possible on the part of victims—and in only a few cases the disease is often infectious for years before it becomes detectable, or, rather, noticeable.

It was also thought at one time that leprosy was hereditary, because often it exhibited itself in one family through successive generations.

Multiplies

Then, in 1872, the bacillus which causes leprosy was discovered—a germ with a waxy covering which renders it slow to multiply, but exceedingly hard to destroy.

Apart from attention to diet in the way of improved nutrition, apart also from cleanliness and healthy exercise, treatment for the disease has for many years involved the use of an oil obtained from species of a tree that grows in southern India and parts of Southeast Asia—the chaulmoogra tree, from the fruit of which hydnocarpus oil is derived.

Injections of this oil or preparations containing it were found to be beneficial. Latterly, synthetic drugs have been employed—such as promin, which is likewise injected, and dione, which is administered via the mouth.

But progress by such methods of treatment is slow business, so tenacious is the leprosy bacillus, except when the disease is caught in the early stages.

Hence the importance of the new treatment developed by British researchers, for the advantage of this treatment is that it substantially reduces the time taken in dealing with the leprosy bacillus even in instances where it has gained a strong hold.

The treatment is based on a new drug produced by British chemists. The name of the drug is Ethiol, and from initial reports it seems as if it may go far towards stamping out from the affected areas of the world that cruel infection which was the dread of medieval Europe, and, before it was known there, the scourge of ancient civilisations from north Africa to the furthest shores of Asia.

The London life of people like Mrs. Dmitrieva

YES, MOSCOW MAY BE DRABBER, BUT THEY STILL LONG FOR HOME

by GEORGE HUTCHINSON

AN ornate motor-car—body of basket-work appearance, burnished coach lamps, waiting chauffeur—stands by in Holland Park, Kensington.

Mr Nubar Gulbenkian, owner of this jazzed-up taxi, is visiting one of the nearby houses. Inside, a party is going on. Mr Gulbenkian—and some 30 other people—have come to take drinks with a member of the Soviet Embassy and his wife.

Exceptional

Is life always like this for the Russian diplomatic colony in London—parties, smart company, sociable encounters with the rich of the Western world? Not a bit. This particular party was quite exceptional. The most striking thing about the Russians here is that they

seldom have anybody in their own homes who is not one of themselves.

They go to each other's houses. They ask people from other Iron Curtain embassies. But, unlike most diplomats in this country, they have little real contact with the British, with London life.

They are, perhaps, the tightest, the most self-contained, community in England.

Yes, the Russians are by nature a warm people. In London, I often think, they must find life pretty lonesome. To the Embassy wives, especially, it must seem a lonely place.

Perhaps this may partly explain the break-up between

Mrs Dmitrieva and her husband.

I know myself that some of the Russian women long to be back in Moscow. There is the language barrier, of course. While most if not all of the husbands speak English, the wives often know very little.

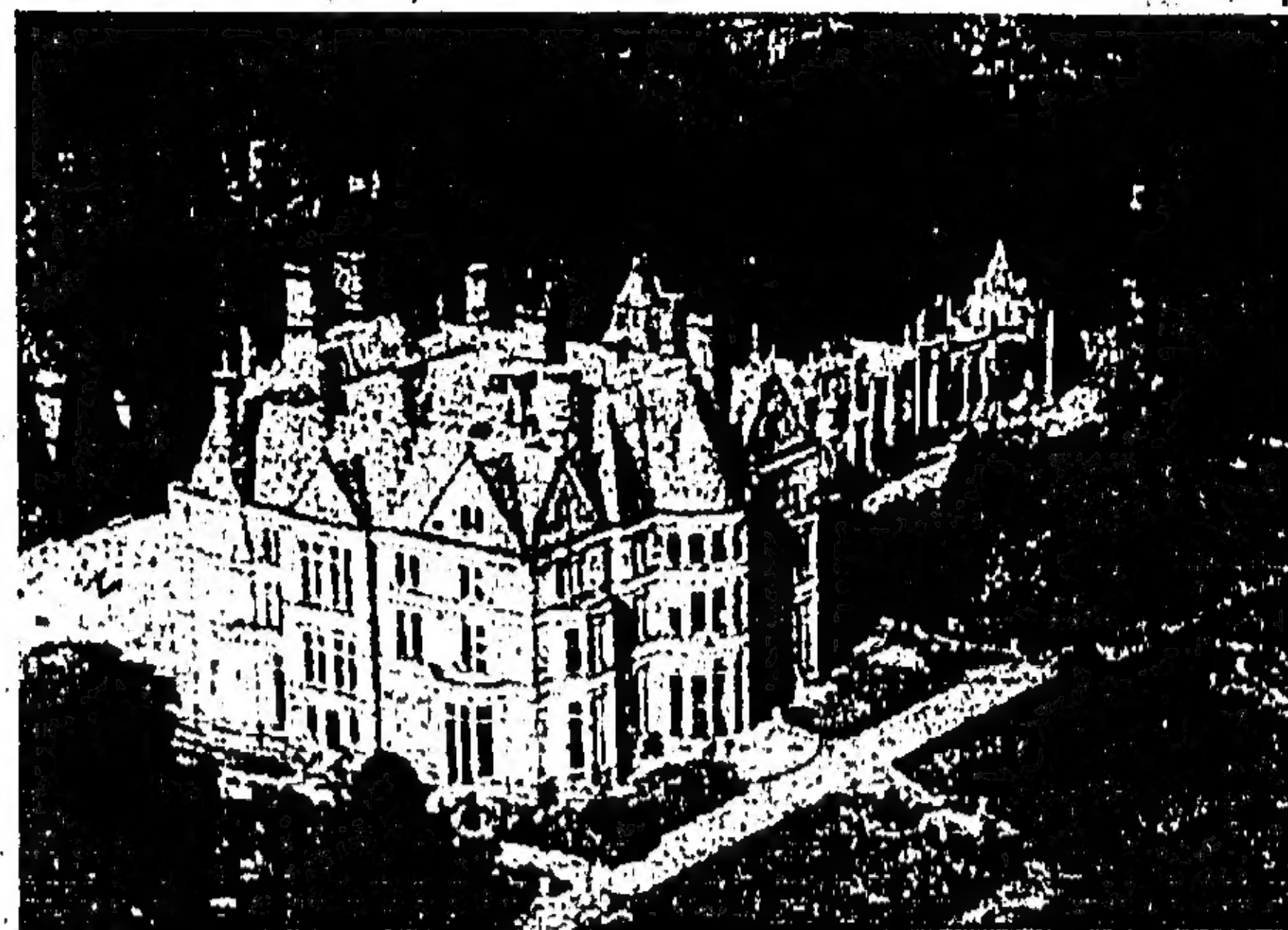
Discouraged

This apart, they are evidently discouraged officially from mixing too freely with Westerners. And so, from time to time, Mr Malik, the Ambassador, asks all sorts of "top people" to his Embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens. He gives excellent parties.

Regrettably, that is about as near as most of the Russians get

to anything but the most formal of relationships with the British.

The diplomatic list names 57 Russians at the Embassy. There are 50 wives, lots of children. But there are many more besides—indoor servants, chauffeurs, clerks, messengers, wireless operators and teachers. Then there is the Soviet Trade Mission in Highgate.



Seacox Heath, Russian retreat, hide sofas and drab curtains.

Most of the families live in furnished flats around Bayswater—as the Dmitrievs did—and Notting Hill Gate.

From what I have seen I should say that they live comfortably but far less luxuriously than foreign diplomats tend to do in London.

Black marks

The teachers are here because the Russians, understandably enough, do not send their children to English schools.

A special bus carries them to their own school in Heath Drive, Hampstead.

It has about 120 pupils, boys and girls, of eight to 18. The curriculum is the same as that in schools back home.

There are no lessons in citizenship as such, but emphasis is placed on bringing up the children to be "good Soviet citizens."

Punishment? There are black marks for children who misbehave. If a child gets too many of these the parents are sent for and called to account.

Games? There are PT periods and volley ball in the garden. Except during English lessons, Russian is the only language used in the school.

The Russians even spend their weekend breaks together, taking their leisure collectively.

They drive down in their Russian cars to Seacox Heath, their own country house near Hawkhurst, on the border of Kent and Sussex. It was the home of the late Lord Goschen. It is a big, late-Victorian stone house looking over an undulating park. I found the grounds rather unkempt, the interior dismal—hide sofas, drab curtains, dormitories on the upper floors.

Holidays

For long holidays the Russians invariably go home, often by sea in summer, usually by air in winter.

When flying they like to avoid Paris. They dislike the airport arrangements there. They are afraid of losing their luggage in Paris, so they tell me.

(London Express Service).

Dealers In Magic

By A. ROBERTSON

IT has been claimed that after relying on the practices of witch doctors for countless generations, the native peoples of what used to be called Darkest Africa are at last learning the errors of their ways and are turning to authorised and university-trained medical men for treatment when they are in ill-health.

To some extent, this may be so. Yet, according to recent reports, there is at least one African witch doctor who has not been put out of business by the encroachment of medical procedure as civilisation understands it.

On the contrary, his skills are so much appreciated and so much in demand by his fellow-Africans that he is currently enjoying some of the fruits of the very civilisation which scoffs at his ancient profession—as, for example, a big new automobile in which he rides around with the splomb of a dusky potentate.

Chauffeur

He does not drive himself. He employs a chauffeur—a liveried chauffeur. The income he derives from his extensive circle of African "patients" is so princely that he is obliged to maintain one or two clerks to keep a check on his mounting fortune. He, personally, is not well up in arithmetic, for he has never had any schooling in the classroom sense of the term and cannot read, write or work out any but the simplest sums. His talents are confined to witch-doctoring, a trade handed down to him from ages past, for he is the offshoot of a long, long line of spell-binding potion-purveyors.

Folk in lands far removed from the tropical regions of Africa may raise superior eyebrows or curl superior lips at the thought of any human beings brought into contact with civilising influences, still being so glibly as to patronise a sorcerer—and, furthermore, pay him with the good money that civilisation has put within their reach as wage-earners in mines, mills or on the plantations.

Incantations

But let no one forget that witchcraft was a potent force right around the world not so very long ago. Indeed, it is practised on every inhabited continent today, and probably in every country. It certainly exists in Europe, not excluding Britain, where nations consider themselves to be as enlightened as any in the world.

Sorcery and magic were features of the earliest civilisations. It is said that numerous elaborate incantations for dealing with misdeeds and misfortunes have been preserved from Assyrian and Babylonian times, and history tells us that all classes in ancient Greece and Rome believed in magic.

With the coming of Christianity, the practice of witchcraft took on a sinister aspect in Europe. Men of religion associated it with the discredited beliefs and rituals of pagan days, and, ultimately, came to regard it as synonymous with devil-worship.

In the course of centuries, successive witch-hunts broke out all over the western world (and subsequently in America), with-hunts that were pursued with relentless vigour and

blood-curdling ferocity, with-hunts wherein incalculable numbers of innocent men and women were savagely tortured or done to death on the merest suspicion of sorcery, or simply because they deviated from the views held by the majority of people.

Black magic, however, has survived in the west, where from time to time the evil cult of Satanism is brought to light and "coven" of its depraved devotees flushed out from their infamous gathering-places.

Such creatures, of course, are vastly different from the witch-doctors of Africa and of some parts of Asia. Among tribal peoples, the witch doctor is generally regarded as a protector, even if he is also looked upon as a person to be feared. He is often the most intelligent member of a tribe, and plays

his part in the life of the community with a dedicated conscientiousness, being genuinely convinced that he really does possess powers denied to ordinary men. He believes he can wield some influence over such factors as the weather, the cultivation of crops, the rearing of cattle, and over such individual human affairs as births, marriages, illnesses—although he acknowledges that the forces of evil may prove too strong for him.

The Art

As for his potentialities in the art of healing—well, some remarkable claims have been made for tribal witch doctors. And while no one but a tribesman would deny that modern medicine can perform "miracles" far beyond the scope of any witch doctor, it is too easy to sneer at his efforts and overlook the fact that some old-fashioned and even primitive remedies have been substantiated by up-to-date research.

For instance, fishermen were firm believers in the efficacy of cod-liver oil long before scientists advocated it. Again, burning a sponge for the treatment of gonorrhea may seem like folly nowadays, but it appears that the process liberated iodine from the sponge—and iodine in the form of a special solution figures in twentieth-century methods of coping with this condition.

And, turning from the sea to the land, how many valuable medical preparations have been developed from herbs and the like which were in use as curatives long centuries ago?

It was once said by an old countrywoman who dealt in healing potions, and who would undoubtedly have been destroyed as a witch had she lived in Europe a century or two previously:

"There is a plant in the world for every ailment. All you have to do is find it." She had a point there.

Palace For Mr. K

MR Khrushchev is to live in the palace that was the childhood home of beautiful Princess Margaretha of Sweden, the girl whose broken romance with piano-playing Mr Robin Douglas-Home aroused world interest. The Soviet leader is going there in August.

For Mr Khrushchev will be returning to the official visit of the Swedish Premier to Moscow in 1956.

The Haga Palace is an 18th century building in which Princess Sibylla of Sweden brought up her family of five. The 30-room palace is set in a large English-style park.

Its position makes it easy to keep it under strict guard. During Mr Khrushchev's visit there will be banquets and receptions.

There are also likely to be political talks and a visit by the Russian delegation to agricultural areas in southern Sweden.

(London Express Service).

Isn't family life just swell!

by CUMMINGS



"A little domestic trouble, sir. Your ex-wives' union says that unless you pay them more alimony they're all going to come back to you!"



"Of course, it was our common intellectual interests that drew me and Biceps together..."



"Really, darling! You've broken Mummy's brand new gentleman friend—and beat her favourite putter!"



"And now I dedicate this romantic rhapsody to my lovely, little old fifth stepmother!"



"Sure, just a simple housewife and mother. You can quote me on that!"



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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

BORN today, you are a seeker after truth and this characteristic may develop in any of a number of ways. You have marked literary talent and have a gift for the dramatic. Listening to fine music brings you great happiness. You have a sharp sense of humour, which you often utilise in brilliant conversation—or in your writing. You have a magnetic personality and make friends wherever you go.

Naturally, you are spontaneous and outgoing, but you learn, early in life, that sometimes it is better to be more consciously controlled in your actions. But don't make the mistake of becoming too controlled; you will miss a lot of fun in life.

Adventure in ideas, you may also express your desire for novelty in real-life exploration.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Love and romance highlight this day for you. It could just possibly be love at first sight.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You could run into difficulties this day if you can't get at the facts. Don't depend upon hearsay.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Guard against making an unwise move or you may defeat your best interests and lose ground.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Your best day, this week, so act positively on a number of things. Get a job completed.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—This is a good day for all your efforts. If events of the past week have been handled diplomatically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Today, you have the "all clear" signal. Setbacks of the past few weeks are over and done with now.

In all events, your originality will display itself in whatever you undertake. You will avoid the conventional way and try something new.

Your emotional nature is strong and you fall in love at first sight. This could be infatuation rather than love. So, before you wed, make sure that your partner is the right one for you or disillusionment and unhappiness might easily ensue.

Among those born on this date are: Mrs. Leslie Carter, actress; Sir Edwin Arnold, poet; Henry Edmund Holland, Australian labour leader; Henry M. Stanley, explorer; Corinne Hazard, educator and president of Wellesley.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Yesterday's distractions should not influence today's actions. Be positive and optimistic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Should be a good day if you have not complicated your love life! Make an apology, if necessary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't let extravagance lead you down the wrong pathway today. Being conservative is best.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Your good day of the week, so you are well-equipped to avoid any pitfalls. Be practical.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't be misled by too optimistic a report on a business matter. Investigate the facts.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A big new opportunity may open up for you. Don't be hasty in deciding for or against.

FASHION NEWS-FOCUS

... BEHIND THE SCENES OF THAT CONTROVERSIAL WEDDING

PAOLA'S TROUSSEAU -the first glimpse

BY BARBARA GRIGGS

THE princess in the head-lines has picked her trousseau... Paola Ruffo di Calabria, the Italian beauty whose proposed Vatican wedding on July 1 to Prince Albert of Belgium has sparked off that row about time and place, has been concentrating on a bride's more urgent problems.

And, since the wedding was originally scheduled for late summer, she has had to work fast.

Now I'm giving away the secret of what those royal suitcases will contain when the happy pair set off honeymooning.

Giving Paris a miss, and sidestepping Rome and Florence, Princess Paola has handed the job over to two famous couturiers in Turin. Both are women—possibly the princess felt that they would know better than a man the sort of clothes a bride wants to wear on her honeymoon.

Their names are Pina Vachetta and Vitalina Nebbia. Between them, these two clever

women have dreamed up for her the prettiest, most elegant and most practical trousseau—I have ever seen.

You could pack the lot into two huge suitcases. And since the fabrics are mostly silk, silk crepe, or silk and wool, they will emerge in good order—important point for honeymooners.

It's a versatile trousseau, ranging from an obvious hot-weather choice like the sleeveless pleated dress in azalea pink silk, to a suit you could wear on a cool day in London made of deep grey tweed.

It gives the inquisitive no clues about honeymoon destinations—but it makes sure that the Princess won't make the mistake of many honeymooners and come back shivering from the Mediterranean in a tweed coat over a cotton dress.

There isn't a thing in her trousseau I wouldn't love myself—pretty, undressy, unfussy

clothes every one of them, that any woman would rejoice to wear... particularly, perhaps, the two short-waist dresses in widely pleated silk, one sleeveless and pink, the other perma-violet with sleeves.

SIMPLICITY

All the clothes, with their extreme simplicity and elegance, and slim easy lines, have been designed to play up the Princess' tall, good figure.

Their colours—a sweet-pea variety with plenty of blues, pinks and violets—show off her clear skin and blue eyes.

And, finally—important point for a Princess—who is decidedly aristocratic but certainly not wealthy—most of the clothes

are timeless, all—the-year-rounders that won't date back conspicuously to July 1959.

The Princess has got her eye well in when it comes to clothes. And to sturdy Belgian women, customarily well but unexcitingly dressed, I predict she will come as an exciting sensation.

And the Dress itself—that fabulous, dreamlike vision of frosty white she will wear for her wedding! All I can tell you is that it is being made in Italy (though the French have been hopelessly rumouring that it was to be a Dior-St. Laurent job).

The rest is Princess Paola's secret—until July 1.

(London Express Service).



DRAWING BY FRANCIS MARSHALL

For cocktail-time: a drifting dress in aquamarine organdie, full-skirted, closely swathed at the waist, with a light cape-top.

THE CHAPERON SYSTEM

By SHIRLEY LOWE

THE doctor from Love Lane, who is advocating the come-back of the chaperon, seems to me to know little about love, and even less about young girls.

Chaperonage, according to Dr. Robert Thompson, of Love Lane, Plinier, helps to protect young girls until they reach the age of "wisdom and understanding."

He added that it also served as a warning to boys and girls that sex matters were matters of extreme delicacy and importance, and that until they reached the years of discretion they were not to be trusted to know how to deal with them.

WISDOM

If that is the argument in favour of chaperonage, there are a great many grown-up boys and girls of 40 and 50 who should still be locked up with mother.

And a great many teenagers to be found in cinemas and

dance halls (haunts of temptation, according to the doctor), who are capable of handling their lives and loves far more intelligently than their parents did.

And certainly with more wisdom and understanding than the chaperoned Continental girls he so admires.

RICHES

THE trouble is, of course, that the only families who still stick to the chaperon system all have one thing in common.

They are very, very rich. Their daughters are born to do nothing but marry a very, very rich man from the family of their choice.

They give their daughters a handsome allowance, they buy her everything.

They even buy her husband.

This system works successfully for the privileged few, but I doubt if it would be quite such a good idea to put your daughter under lock and key in the evening, and send her out to the lying pool in the daytime.

And who is going to do the chaperoning?

While Janet is at the jazz club will mum be sitting on the sidelines instead of watching the telly with father?

BLISS

YOU can't wrap up a child in day-dreams and delirium, then turn her to the wolves at 21 and expect her to be discreet.

You can't watch her and worry over her without giving her a clue about what you are watching for and what you are worrying about, and then her curiosity will see to it that your worst fears are realised.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Knarf Watches A Clock

—And Finds That Time Passes Swiftly—

By MAX TRELL

"I WONDER if you'd mind taking my place for just an hour, I'll surely be back by exactly twelve o'clock."

It was Mrs. Cuckoo who said these words to Knarf, the Shadow Boy.

She had opened the door of the cottage-in-the-clock where she lived to call out eleven o'clock. Then, without letting the door shut behind her, she had flown over to Knarf, who was getting ready to go to sleep in the far corner of the room between the curtain and the bookcase.

"I'll be glad to take your place in the cuckoo clock," said Knarf. "Only what do I have to do while you're away?"

"Just one thing," said Mrs. Cuckoo. "Just make sure that the clock keeps going."

"I hope I can do that," said Knarf, sounding a little worried, for he was far from being sure that he knew enough about clocks to keep them going.

"I hope I can do that," said Mrs. Cuckoo, sounding a little worried, for he was far from being sure that he knew enough about clocks to keep them going.

Mrs. Cuckoo assured Knarf that there was nothing to worry about.

In Good Order

"The clock's just been wound," she said. "All the wheels are turning. There isn't any reason in the world why you should have trouble. I'll just go for a quick visit to my cousin who lives in a clock on the other side of the river."

While Mrs. Cuckoo flew out through the window to visit her cousin who lived in the clock on the other side of the river, Knarf stood on a chair and hoisted himself up to the half-open door of the cottage-in-the-clock. He then went inside and unthinkingly shut the door.

It was like being in a lovely, square, comfortable, country kitchen.

There were pots and pans, all bright and shiny, hanging from hooks over the old-fashioned oven. Hot and white checked gingham curtains hung in the windows. A tea kettle was

whistling on the stove and tiny roses were blooming in red flower-pots.

Gets Comfortable

Knarf sat himself down in a comfortable rocking chair. He found a book of pictures on a shelf and slowly turned the pages as he listened to the ticking and tocking of the clock.

And what a ticking-and-tocking it was! It filled the whole room. The sound was so loud that Knarf finally gave up trying to look at his book.

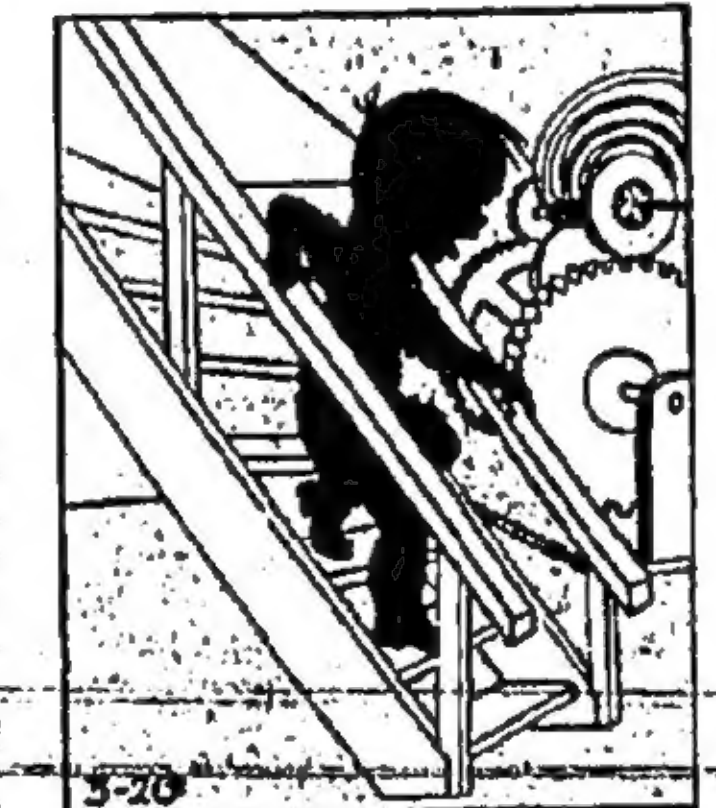
He walked across the room to something that looked like a cellar door.

The Works

The ticking and tocking came from the other side of the door. Knarf was just about to open the door and look inside when he noticed a small sign which read: The Works.

There was an even more curious thing hanging on the door—a giant key! Knarf looked at it and thought to himself: "This must be the key that Mrs. Cuckoo uses when she winds the clock."

Curious to see what was behind the door, Knarf carefully opened it and peeped inside. He



Inside, Knarf saw all the wheels and springs.

saw a narrow stairway leading down. He crept down a step or two and looked again. There he saw, almost hidden in the darkness, a great collection of wheels and springs and cogs and gears.

"I don't know what I'll do if they ever stop turning," Knarf said to himself.

Fortunately the clock kept right on going. In fact, Knarf was still watching The Works working when someone tapped him on the shoulder and said: "Thank you, Knarf!"

Knarf looked around. It was Mrs. Cuckoo. The hour had passed and she was back just in time to call out twelve o'clock.

Rupert and the Truant—29



Rupert is now too interested in the doll to risk losing sight of it. "Hi, come back!" he shouts. "Where are you going? Playing truant is wrong. You must belong to everybody." The other leads him a merry dance, and doesn't stop until reaching the highest part



of the common. "This is the spot where I can away from Santa Claus. When will he come back?" "Don't be silly!" says Rupert, sinking down breathlessly. "Christmas is all over. Santa Claus won't be back for nearly a year!"

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JACOBY on BRIDGE

SOUTH bid three spades because he thought his partner was playing a special convention in which you raised your partner's jump shift with one of the three top honours. He bid six hearts because he had come to the party to bid.

West opened the three of spades and South saw that he was in an impossible contract unless he could put over a neat swindle. Anyway, he won East's ten with the king, played a trump to dummy's king, led the deuce of diamonds and stuck in the nine.

West won with the king and led another spade. He was sure his partner would ruff it. Instead, South won with dummy.

♥♦CARD Sense♦♥

Q—The bidding has been: East South West North 1♠ 1NT Pass 2NT. Pass. You, South, hold: ♠KJ5 ♥A105 ♦KQ5 ♣K92.

What do you do?
A—Bid three no-trump. You only have 16 points but you do have two spade stoppers and no one likes to play two no-trump without.

TODAY'S QUESTION
This time West has opened one spade and North and East have passed. It is up to you, South. You hold: ♠KJ5 ♥K2 ♦KQ5 ♣J92.

What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

NORTH 29	
♠A Q 7	
♥A K 10 3	
♦J 10 8 2	
♣7	
WEST	
♠J 8 6 3 2	
♥7 5	
♦K	
♣Q 4 2	
EAST	
♠10 8 4	
♥13	
♦A 8 5 3	
♠J 8 6 3	
SOUTH (D)	
♠K	
♥Q J 8 6	
♦Q 7 4	
♣A K 10 5	
Both vulnerable	
South	West
1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass
Opening lead—♠3	

my's nine and discarded a diamond. A trump to the jack and another back to dummy's ace and South was ready for the next step in bringing home the slightly tainted bacon.

He discarded his last two diamonds on the ace and queen of spades and led the jack of diamonds from dummy.

East ducked but it did him no good. South knew where that ace of diamonds was and discarded a low club. The jack of diamonds held and now

South was able to spread his hand and shake up his richly undeserved slam.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Yoo-hoo! Please don't push off yet—I need your boat in my right-hand corner!"

SPORTS PICTORIAL



A dragon boat race, which is usually held today, to mark the 5th day of the 5th Chinese moon, was held in advance at Stanley last Sunday. Among the large crowd present was the Hon J. C. McDouall, Secretary of Chinese Affairs. Photo shows the three boats which took part—those representing the Stanley Sea and Land Citizens Association (who were eventual winners), the Woo Tso Tung from Aberdeen and the Ton Hong Tong from Luk Chau.—China Mail photo.



ABOVE: Two Indian victims of England fast bowler Freddie Trueman in the first innings of India's first Test match between England and India at Trent Bridge. On left, Roy's leg stump went flying after he had scored 54 and on right Umrigar, one of India's recognised batsmen was also clean bowled after scoring 21. England won the Test by an innings and 59 runs.—Central Press photos.



China won the International Soccer Cup last week when they narrowly beat Great Britain by 5-4 at the Club Stadium in the annual International Charity match.

Upper photo shows Dr the Hon. A. M. Rodrigues, (centre), Vice-President of the Hongkong Football Association presenting the International Cup to Ho Cheung-yau, captain of the China team. Assisting is Mr R. M. Omar the HKFA Secretary.

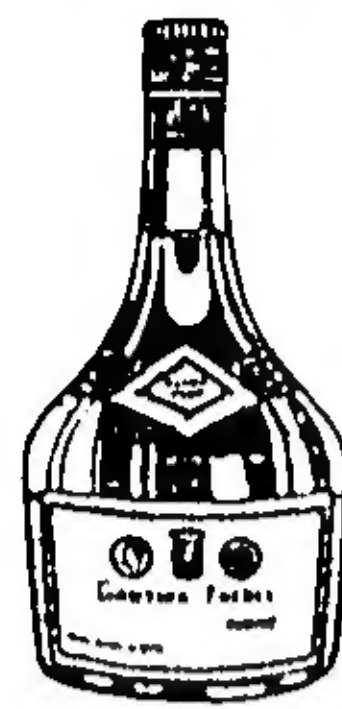
Lower photo shows an interesting array of expressions and postures during an exciting scramble for the ball in the match. Nearest to the ball is Great Britain goalkeeper Stewart (on the ground).—China Mail photos.



Parthia, with jockey Harry Carr up, is led in by his owner, Sir Humphrey De Trafford, after winning the Derby at Epsom last Wednesday from Fidalgo. The French entry Shantung was third.—Reuterphoto.



Mr Birt Hope, Vice-President of the St Francis Xavier College Alumni Association, presenting the prizes at the conclusion of a successful sports meeting held by the College at their sports ground last Saturday. — China Mail photo.

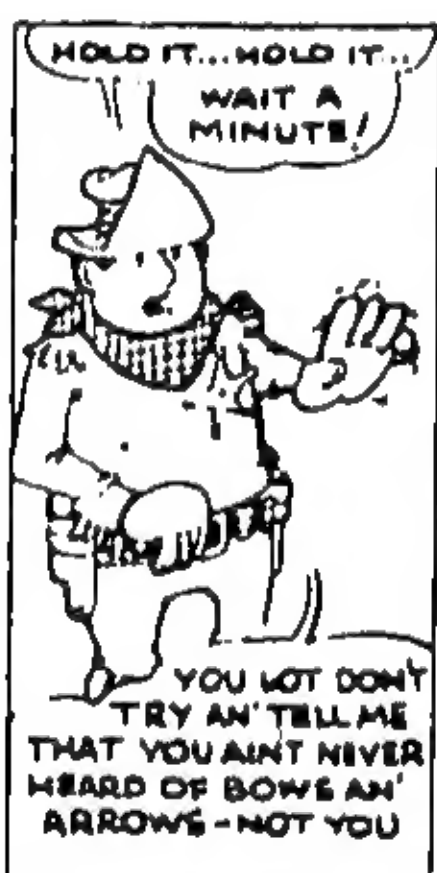
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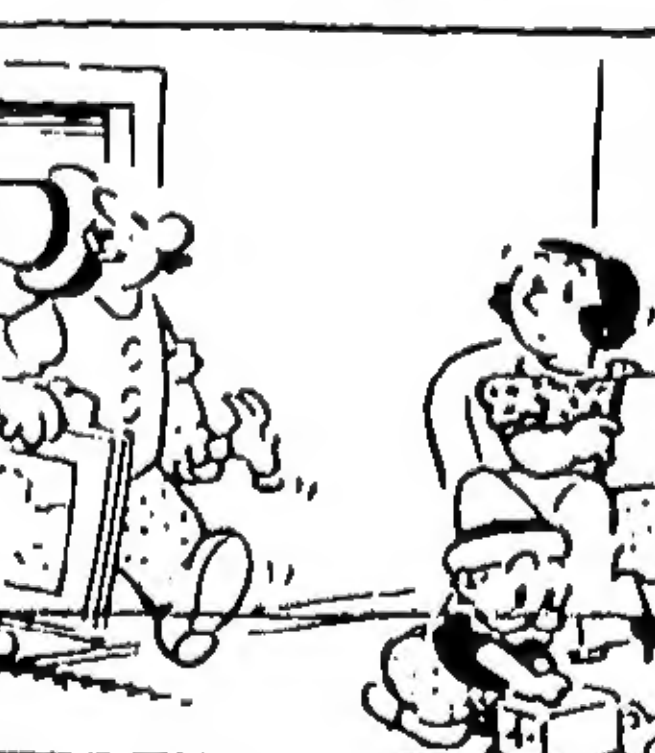


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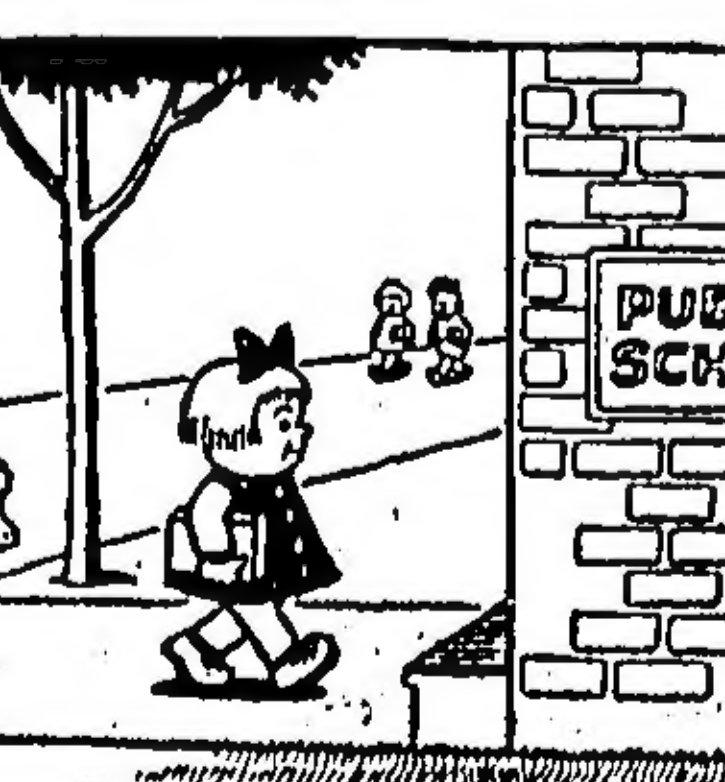
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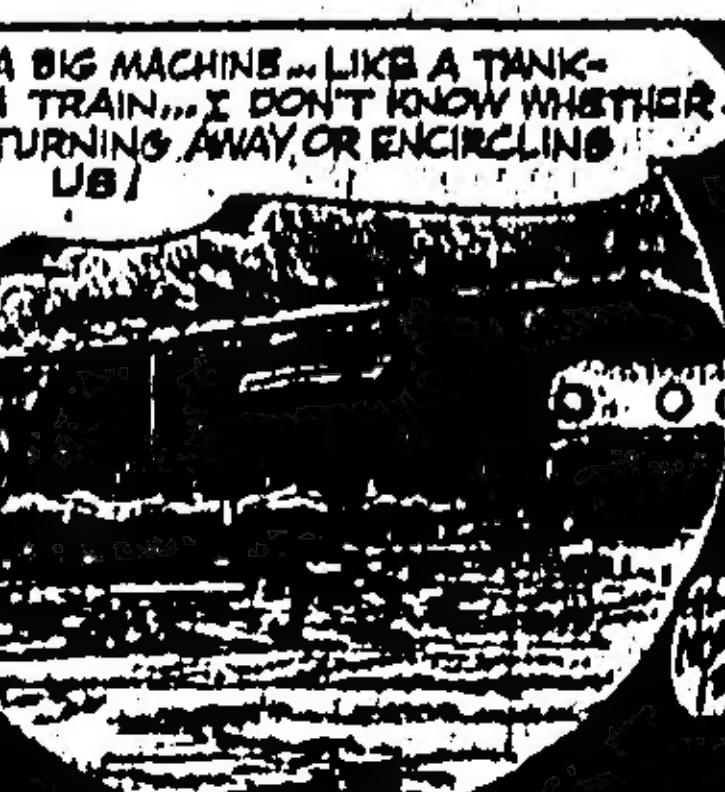
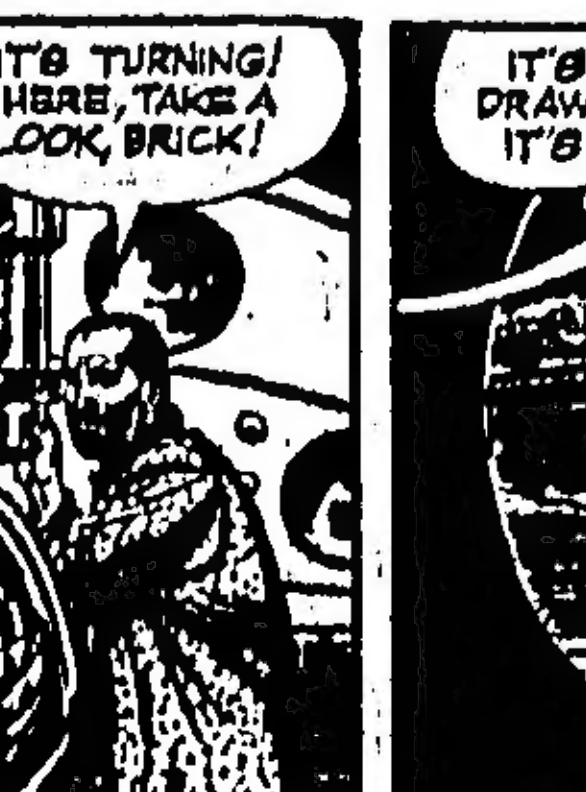
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'Govt. Should Fight Side By Side With Industry'

Local government and financial circles should fight side by side with Hongkong industries in overcoming hardships which handicapped trading, said Mr. Teh Chi-khun, Chairman of the Amoy Canning Corporation (Hongkong) Ltd. at the annual meeting this morning.

Mr. Teh said it was to be expected that extremely keen competition in business would continue in future, with manufacturing techniques progressing all the time. "It is imperative to have sound research knowledge on the manufacturing side, to make good technical personnel and to improve techniques and up-keep of modern equipment."

Local industries were being confronted with increasing difficulties such as more rigid import restrictions imposed by various governments, Mr. Teh said. "We are still living in a divided world, with waves of political storm sweeping over certain regions now and then. Trading difficulties may be tougher in the days to come."

No Sign
"Luckily, we have passed a trying year, but there is no sign of a better future." At the meeting, the shareholders approved a resolution capitalising \$500,000 out of the general reserve fund by the issue of 50,000 shares of \$10 each to shareholders in the proportion of one for eight. The net profit for the year ended December 31, was \$2,274,715. A final dividend of \$1 a share, making a total of \$2 for the year, was declared. The balance to be carried forward, amounted to \$6,702,904.

Survey
Mr. Wong Tok-sau, Managing Director, who has just returned from a business trip abroad, gave a report on his survey of the markets abroad. He said that the booming trade of Chinese restaurants in America and the United Kingdom had played an important part in introducing Hongkong food products to the public in those territories. He also reported on the company's subsidiary firms in Malaysia.

A new Director, Mr. Yu Kim-teng, was elected at the meeting. Messrs U Tat-chee and Yu Chi-hui were re-elected. Hon. Directors, Messrs Charles Mar Fan and Co. were re-appointed auditors.

Maternity Jacket
A completely new range of glamorous Maternity Wear for all occasions. — now featured at **Paquerette's** (Maternity Dept.) 16a Des Voeux Road Tel. 21-157

Accused Breaks Down In Murder Trial

A man accused of the chopper murder of a Sanitary Department scavenger broke down and wept in the Supreme Court today while telling of a quarrel which led to the death of the scavenger.

The man, Lam Kwong, 37, earth coolie, said earlier that he was nicknamed "Sor Lo" (crazy one).

Lam has pleaded not guilty to murdering Ng Hung, on December 18 at Fukien Hill Street Village, Kowloon.

The Crown alleges he killed Ng by chopping him on the neck.

His Nickname

Lam told Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg today that he had got the nickname Sor Lo because after having a few drinks he would play marbles with school children. He said he had been friends with Ng and had lent him money. At the time of his death, Ng owed him \$10.

Lam said that on December 18 he had lent Ng \$5.

Lam said he had gone to bed at about 1 p.m. and at 4.15 he had been awakened by Ng.

Ng said to him: "Can you lend me \$2 more?"

He had replied: "When you asked me for the \$5 loan I told you not to gamble any more."

Slapped

Lam said: "Ng did not say anything, but slapped me on the side of the cheek."

Lam then broke down and started crying.

The defence counsel, Mr. Richard Winter, asked Mr. Justice Gregg to allow Lam to demonstrate what occurred then.

Using a court usher as Ng, and a cardboard chopper, Lam described what had happened.

"After he hit me I got up intending to leave the hut. He hit me on the chest," said Lam.

"I took a pillow and hit him on the back."

Tried To Snatch

"Ng grabbed a vegetable chopper from the top of the cupboard. I tried to snatch it out of his grasp, and we struggled for possession."

Lam said the two had pulled the chopper backwards and forwards.

"He pulled back and I saw blood flowing from his neck. He ran away."

"I was holding the chopper in my hand and I saw bloodstains on the blade."

Sobbed Again

Lam burst out sobbing again as he denied that he had any intention of murdering or inflicting physical harm on Ng.

The hearing is unfinished.

Mr. D. Ren, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Mr. D. G. Willis.

Letters To The Editor

Nobody's Lackey

Sir, — Monday's Comment touches upon matters in the sphere of Anglo-American relations which have long called for an airing, and it may well be asked what our big-hearted, thick-headed British politicians are going to adopt a "quid pro quo" policy to match that of our trans-Atlantic cousins. Ever since Roosevelt's 39 over-age destroyers deal ("We want leases in the British Caribbean islands"), cash-and-carry and lend-lease ("Hand over all your U.S. investments") we have had the gun put to our heads. And what have we done? We have given the United States all our "know-how" — radar, atomic, jet, and even penicillin — free, gratis and for nothing. When are our politicians (we obviously have no statecraft) going to waken up to the fact that we have been getting the dirty end of every deal for years?

And now, on the front page of Monday's issue, there is a news report which states that "the British Government has barred itself from providing nuclear weapons for Commonwealth countries as a result of the new atomic deal with the United States." This "prohibition" has been agreed "to satisfy the requirements of the United States Congress." Presumably this is Australia's "reward" for allowing Britain the use of the Weapons Research Range, and Canada's for permitting the setting up of the Early Warning System on Canadian territory. Britain, of course, can expect no reward for having agreed to the setting up of American Rocket Bases in England since Mr. Khrushchev has already warned that he will be compelled (reluctantly) to blot them out — and the British population with them — since they form America's first line of defence and must be Russia's first objective.

Let Macmillan take note of General de Gaulle's ultimatum: Unless the U.S. and Britain share their atomic secrets with France, they must remove all Nato fighter-bombers from French soil. There speaks a man — and a man who is not prepared to enter into one-sided agreements.

We may next expect to learn that Macmillan is flying to Washington to "report" like a dutiful little schoolboy to Headmaster Eisenhower — and to give him all available information on Britain's revolutionary Hovercraft — as usual, for nothing. Has he forgotten that he is Premier of Great Britain and need be nobody's lackey?

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Sex And Morality

Sir, — In the Noon Edition of yesterday the 8th June, you published a statement attributed to the American Evangelist Mr. Billy Graham that there is an over-emphasis on sex which is one of the greatest dangers faced by the Western world. All responsible people must heartily agree with this statement, as it seems that today SEX is the be-all and end-all of existence. The Alpha and Omega of life, as there is hardly a day when some disagreeable reference to sex is not made either in the press or in some other disreputable form of publication.

To be a successful novelist, or to have a motion picture break all box-office records, all one has to do is to offer the most repulsive form of sexual misbehaviour in a completely successful manner. Under the guise of "art", gutter-press yellow press dish out nude females to attract customers. Young children are encouraged to read filthy books dealing with the worst form of sex that not even animal behaviour could match in ugliness. Better

headlines would be splashed across newspapers to describe some misadventures of some much-married monomaniacs who go gallivanting with their varied husbands, followed by a string of their variegated breeds of brats. Divorce is made so easy that all one has to do is to allege mental cruelty to obtain a legal separation which is nothing more than a legalised form of prostitution. Surely there is something seriously wrong with modern morality that such a state of affairs should be permitted to exist. Marriage, which used to be a holy thing, is today made to appear as a mockery. Much of the ills of the world today may be attributed to this lax of morality, and it is up to the Church to lead the people back to God, to have a sense of responsibility, and to honour their marriage vow as something sacred. There is something to be said for the Catholic faith that divorce is frowned upon and firmly discouraged, unless in very exceptional circumstances.

Let us have less emphasis on sex and more on the wholesomeness of marriage. In marriage, as in all matters, there must be a spirit of give and take, of mutual respect and reciprocal affection. The press of the world can do much to help eliminate this disgusting form of sensationalism by refusing to publish sordid accounts of the misdeeds of the shallow-minded.

PERCY LARKIN.

Pyramid Picture

Sir, — With reference to Sylvia's photograph of the Great Pyramid of Giza and of the Sphinx, reproduced in your June 9 issue, the title: "9 million globes for photo" is misleading. It took only 6,500 Sylvania Press-25 flashbulbs to produce the equivalent light brilliance of 9 million 60 watt lamps.

HENRI J. BALLERAND.

Governor's Greetings To Macao

The Governor, Sir Robert Black, today sent a telegram of good wishes to the Officer Administering the Macao Government on the occasion of the Portuguese National Day.

The telegram read: "On the occasion of the National Day of Portugal, it gives me great pleasure to send you my congratulations and good wishes for the continued prosperity of your country."

The Portuguese community in Hongkong celebrated this morning with a reception given by Fernando do Moniz, Alcaide, Acting Consul General for Portugal at Club Lusitano.

The Governor and Miss Barbara Black attended the reception. Members of the Consular Corps, local dignitaries, and prominent representatives of industry and commerce were present at the function.

Mr. Ribeiro proposed a toast to Her Majesty the Queen and Sir Robert replied with a toast to the President of Portugal.

Five Hurt In Traffic Accidents

A boy, two girls and two men were injured in traffic accidents in Kowloon yesterday. They were admitted to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

Festival Dumplings



The rice dumplings hanging from the ceiling of a Chinese shop near Central Market this morning. — China Mail Photo.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL: HOW IT BEGAN

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Today is the Dragon Boat Festival when the Chinese relive a memory that is 2,237 years old by holding dragon boat races and eating rice dumplings.

It is all in homage to the immortal spirit of a patriotic poet and statesman, Chu Yuan, (340 B.C.-278 B.C.) during the period of Warring States in Chinese history, when seven feudal states struggled for supremacy.

An Alliance
Among them, the most powerful was the State of Chu, followed by two other states, Tso and Chi, the rest being negligible.

Chu Yuan, born of the royal family in Tso, advocated "alliance of all the six states against Chu" in direct contradiction to Chu's policy — "divide and conquer."

Jealous of Chu Yuan's ability, jealous of Chu's power, and afraid of Chu's power, the peers in the court of Tso favoured appeasement, too.

Drowned

In 278 B.C., 62-year-old Chu Yuan, in exile for 20 years, learned that Chu had launched a general offensive on Tso, capturing the latter's capital.

On the fifth day of the fifth moon that year, the poet drowned himself in the River Mi Lo in what is now Hunan Province.

Courtyeers raced in boats to rescue him as far as the Tung-tin Lake but in vain, thus setting the precedent for the dragon boat races.

Falling to find his body, the mourning countrymen scattered rice in the water as sacrifice for the poet's spirit.

The spirit, according to legend, once told the people that the rice was all washed up by the dragons and advised them to wrap it in leaves and tie it up with five-coloured silken threads for those were what the dragons feared.

Hence the rice dumplings. However, there was no way to trace when people started to put rice dumplings into their mouths instead of the river.

Wai Yuan in Cantonese.

HUNG HOM RACES
More than 5,000 spectators lined the waterfront of Tsim Sha Tsui, Hung Hom, this morning, to watch the dragon boat races.

Four full-length and full-dressed dragon boats, each manned by a crew of 40 strong, took part.

They represented Luen Shun Tong and Yu Yip Tong of Shaukiwan, Luen Yip Tong of Wanchai and Hop Yee Tong of Chaiwan.

The programme included races over 100 yards, 200 yards, 300 yards and 500 yards.

Dr. D. J. M. Mackenzie, Director of Medical and Health Services, presented banners to all teams of oarsmen at the end of the performance.

He was in turn presented with a souvenir of an ivory dragon boat by the Chairman of the Hung Hom Races Committee, Mr. H. H. Shing-shuen, before a number of poets in the city departed.

Fishing Junk Robbery: 3 Charged

Three men came before Kowloon District Court this morning accused of robbing the occupants of a fishing junk which had come to Hongkong from China last July.

The three accused jointly faced two charges of robbery with aggravation and three other counts of assault occasioning bodily harm, when they appeared before Judge H. H. B. How.

The three men are, Chan Hung, 28, Leung Tung-yu, 29, and Cheung Yee-ting, 28. The last accused was represented by Mr. H. H. B. How, instructed by Mr. J. M. Remedios of Messrs D'Almeida Remedios and Co.

Chief Insp. T. W. Wheeler, said that the fishing junk was moored in a bay in Tsun Wan on the night of September 5-6 last year.

Left Behind
Cheung Bing-lung, the junk owner ordered a sampan and went fishing with his children, leaving behind his aged father, wife and concubine, and some infants.

Sometime during the night, two men boarded this fishing vessel and robbed the two women of \$500 and valuables. In the course of the robbery, the old man with wife, causing abrasions and cuts on their wrists and necks.

The prosecution alleged that while the two men were on board the junk, robbing the occupants, one was manning a sampan that had come alongside the vessel.

Pawn Ticket

Six months after the robbery, the three men were arrested in different parts of the Colony, on April 15, this year. The second accused was found to have a pawn ticket relating to some of the articles lost in the robbery.

But not one of the victims of the robbery could identify any of the accused as the men who had boarded the junk that night.

The case is continuing.

Round Table Talk

Mr. Ron Bicker, manager and cameraman of Athos Film Productions, who has been employed by the Hongkong Tourist Association to produce a film on Hongkong, gave a talk last night to members of the Hongkong Round Table at the R.H.C.D. Officers Mess.

During the talk he showed a film called "The Circle," the story of Bone's Britannia inaugural round-the-world flight.

6 Months' Gaoi

A 28-year-old unemployed man, Cheung Shing-yu, of 44 Stone Nullah Lane, second floor, charged with indecently assaulting a 12-year-old girl was sentenced to six months imprisonment by Mr. T. L. Yang at Central Magistracy this morning.

After 18 months, the site preparation of the new gaoi at Stanley Peninsula, for the accommodation of 1,000 prisoners, is now nearing completion and by the end of the year, work on the construction of the buildings will be put in hand.

From the Files 25 years AGO

AFTER practising as a solicitor in Hongkong for almost eight years, Mr. Horace Lo, brother of Messrs M. K. and M. W. Lo, and a partner of the well-known legal firm of Messrs Lo and Lo, has decided to give up law.

He will be leaving the firm at the end of the month to throw in his lot with the Merchant Bank of India, by whom he has been appointed Chinese manager.

Mr. Lo has had a wide practice since his admission to the local bar in October, 1920.

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"It is my instinct: I don't like his face," said Chan Wing at the Criminal Sessions this morning when he objected to the presence on the jury of Mr. C. de V. Ribeiro.

"I am sure you will not allow the prisoner's remark to prejudice you against him," said his Lordship, Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor, ignoring the accused's instinct.

The man was accused of stealing two pairs of flannels and a fur coat valued at \$20. Mrs. W. Gardiner of Harbour View, boarding house gave evidence against the man.

It was disclosed that his criminal record reached back to 1905 — he said he was 38 — and he had 32 previous convictions for theft and burglary. He was sentenced to five years' hard labour.

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ATTENDANCE AT Government, Grant and Private Schools and the Technical Institute in Hongkong has increased considerably in 1958, according to statistics contained in the annual report of the Director of Education, released yesterday.

According to the report, attendance at Vernacular Schools has increased from 45,456 in 1957 to 54,880 in 1958, whilst attendance at English schools has increased from 17,551 to 18,037 in the same period. [Total attendance at schools in Hongkong in 1958 was almost 420,000.]

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This Funny World



"But officer, I made sure there weren't any flies before I started!"

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